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1. "About 400 prisoners, all of them inhabitants of the Carpatho-Ukraine, were transported from the MVD interrogation prison at Mukachevo by rail in the direction of Russia proper during the first half of October 1952. They were sent in groups of 80 to 100 persons, each transport consisting of two to three freight cars. The transports were routed from Mukachevo to Khust, where they were taken over by railway brigades from Cernauti (Chernovtsy).
2. "From the town of Khust (Huszt) over 4,000 prisoners were sent during the second half of October 1952 in the direction of Lvov and also Cernauti, and then, most probably to Russia proper. This group of prisoners consisted of over 3,000 local people who had been working as prison laborers in various Deshpomlhoz (forced kolkhozes), and of about 1,000 Czechs, Rumanians and Poles who had been caught in illegal border crossings.
3. "Despite those large-scale deportations of prisoners from the Carpatho-Ukraine, a large number still remain in prisons or forced labor camps in the region. In October, 1952, three large forced labor camps for political prisoners were in operation in the region of Mukachevo and on the northern slopes of the Carpathian Mountains, in Dolina. The inmates of these three camps are employed in felling trees and doing other forestry work. Since 1 October, 1952, four or five other 'Lagpunkts' (forced labor camps) have been organized. The inmates are employed in road construction and railroad repair."

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